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SUBJECT: US-UK CONSULTATIONS ON KOREA

1. BRITISH FCO MINISTER OF STATE DAVID ENNALS CALLED ON IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM ON SEPTEMBER 17. ON KOREAN QUESTION, BUFFUM INDICATED IN GREAT CONFIDENCE THAT USG HAD JUST RECEIVED AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE FROM ROK ON OUR SUGGESTION TO PROPOSE CONFERENCE WITH ROK, NK, AND CHINA TO EXAMINE POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS TO ASSURE CONTINUED FORCE OF ARMISTICE AND TO GIVE SPECIFIC CONTENT TO USG LETTER OF JUNE 27 TO SECURITY COUNCIL. IN ADDITION WE WILL INDICATE ROK/US WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS EASING OF TENSIONS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA IN A MANNER WHICH WOULD HELP PROMOTE PROGRESS IN PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE PENINSULA. BUFFUM NOTED US HAD NOT YET DECIDED ON SPECIFIC COURSE OF ACTION TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL AND THAT UNTIL THIS DECIDED WE REQUEST HMG TO
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TREAT THIS INFORMATION IN UTMOST CONFIDENCE.

2. BUFFUM INDICATED IT NOW POSSIBLE FOR US TO ACCEPT FRENCH AMENDMENTS TO FRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON KOREA IN UNGA, WITH MINOR CHANGES, IF FRANCE WILL COSPONSOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND OPPOSE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. BUFFUM ASKED UK TO ENCOURAGE FRENCH ON THIS MATTER.

3. ENNALS WELCOMED U.S. INITIATIVE AND FLEXIBILITY AND THOUGHT IT WOULD PUT US IN STRONGER POSITION ON KOREAN ISSUE IN UNGA; HOWEVER, HE DOUBTED THAT FRENCH WOULD AGREE TO COSPONSOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. KISSINGER

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